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# GameDay KAIMIN

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## Student of the Game

BY RYAN DIVISH

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**MONTANA VS. Sacramento State**



# Reluctant Hero:

BY RYAN DIVISH

Vince Huntsberger isn't going to like this — not any of it.

Not because there is something bad to write about him; there isn't. And not because there aren't enough good things to say about him, because there are.

No, Vince isn't going to like this is because it's about him. And to Vince, there's nothing about Vince worth writing about.

But he's wrong. No matter how difficult he makes it, you follow him to class and to prac-

and Friday, for his organic chemistry lecture. He is carefully taking notes on chiral carbons and the rules for their configuration. When class is finished he will jump on his bike and hurry to practice to catch the last half of it.

Several questions come to mind. Why would a football player be taking this class? How can he miss an hour's worth of practice three times a week? Why take such a hard class during the season?

But the real question is: Which one of the 400 students in the class is he?

To someone who has never seen him or met him, it would

Because to Vince, there is nothing that's special about him, or for that matter, about what he does in a Grizzly uniform.

"The guy next to me in chemistry class is just as important as I am," Huntsberger says. "Just because I put the pads on every Saturday ... it's a privilege and an honor. But how can you look down upon someone who doesn't, someone who is up in the stands instead? For whatever reason, I have the ability to play, but that doesn't mean you're a better than the person in your chemistry class or the professor who's teaching it."

honorably mention. Before that, he was valedictorian of his senior class at Libby High School with a 4.0 GPA.

Contrary to what he thinks, or rather, what he wants others to think, he isn't average.

It seems like this guy is good at everything: school, sports, even blending in.

But there is one thing that Vince isn't good at, well, besides video games. It is talking about himself and his accomplishments. To put himself in the spotlight that he tries so hard to avoid.

Even the interviews and pictures for this article bring a painful, awkward look to his

wish as Huntsberger gave him an autograph, posed for a few pictures and then took the time to talk with him.

"Vince just loves kids," Kate says. Surprising? Only if you haven't been paying attention.

Then there was the time during his junior year in high school when Vince and his mother sat down to select the foreign exchange student who would be living with them. Taking in children on exchange had become a time-honored tradition in the Huntsberger home. This time it was Vince's turn to decide. He chose Jan Dado from Slovakia. Why? Because Dado was originally from the Soviet

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tice. You talk to everyone you can because Vince Huntsberger is definitely worth writing about.

You're there, 3 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Montana Grizzlies' game against Sacramento State. The UM practice field is filling with Griz football players who are beginning the process of stretching and loosening up for practice. They chatter and laugh. Practice is only minutes away.

But Vince is nowhere to be seen.

Instead, he is sitting somewhere in the back row of Room 131 in the Science Complex, as he is every Monday, Wednesday

be impossible to pick him out of the crowd, to say, "That's him, that's Vince Huntsberger. That's last year's Big Sky Conference defensive MVP."

He has probably walked by you on campus, or sat next to you in a class but you wouldn't know he was a football player. Because to the world, Vince looks like just any other student, with a plain haircut, baggy jeans and a simple T-shirt. He could have talked to you, maybe said "Hi" and you could mistake him for just another average guy.

And that's exactly the way he likes it.

And that's how Huntsberger wants to be seen, as just a normal student who gets to play a little football.

But this part of his demeanor is deceiving, because Vince is anything but normal.

He was named last season's conference defensive MVP as a sophomore. He finished the season with a team-leading 90 tackles, 51 of those solo and four interceptions. He was named GTE first team Academic All-American with a 3.87 GPA in biology. Two years ago, he started as a redshirt freshman making 84 tackles and was named all-conference

face that no lineman or running back could possibly cause.

He squirms, he fidgets and words come out of his mouth faster than he could ever hope to run on a football field. All this attention is too much.

Ask him about last year's MVP award and he replies: "I was very surprised when I got it. It's nice to have. When you get older, it's a nice accomplishment to look back on. Right now, I can't think about it. It's a new season and there's no more MVP."

Ask him about his GPA: "Everybody says, 'You get good grades.' The only reason that anybody even notices is because I play football."

But you want to know more. You want to know how this kid has become the poster boy for student athletes. You want a story — something, anything.

He only laughs, there isn't really anything to tell, he says. He's kind of boring.

Again, Vince is wrong. There is a story. It isn't story of a tragic fall and a touching redemption — this guy's never fallen.

It's a story about a young man who reminds us what is great about college football. A story that gives us a reason to believe that the men on the playing field really are worth cheering for.

But don't ask Vince, he'll never tell it. That would mean more talking about himself and what he's done, where he has been. Impossible.

You have to find the informant, the leak. Mothers will always tell. Kate Huntsberger tells all, although like her son, she pretends that she has nothing to say that will offer a glimpse into his life.

She tells how a son can be so unassuming, so unselfish and so likable.

Little stories. Meaningless, insignificant, until you put them together and see the bigger picture they make:

There was the little boy from Plains at the Cal Poly game. It was his birthday and all he wanted was to meet his hero. Armed with his "I love Vince" sign, the young man got his

Union and had no hair or eyebrows as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

"Vince figured that nobody else would choose him because of that, so he did," Kate said.

Or the time when, during a recruiting trip to Montana, Vince's best friend and neighbor Sam Erickson died unexpectedly. Vince returned home for the funeral and he returns home every year on the anniversary of Sam's death to accompany Sam's mother to the cemetery to place flowers on his grave.

"I don't think you would ever find anybody who doesn't like him," Kate says proudly of her son. "I really don't."

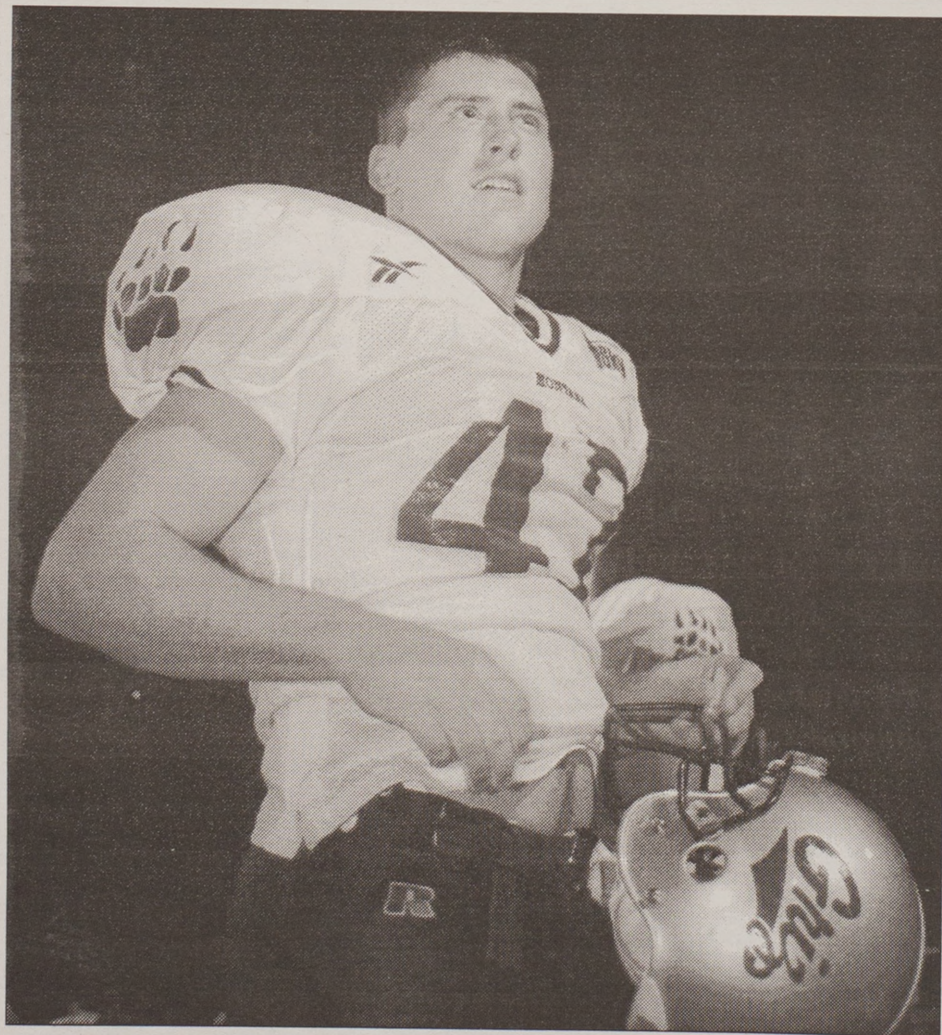
Vince is so well-liked that last weekend, Libby resident Roger Combs paid for the entire Libby Logger football team to go to Spokane to watch Vince play. The Libby junior high asked him to autograph some photos to be given away as prizes, which he dutifully did even while his roommates teased him the whole time.

Kate thinks that part of the reason that Vince is so down to earth might be because of his experience with his foster brother, Ron, who has Downs Syndrome. Now an adult, Ron still comes to Vince's home games.

When you talk to him, Vince won't mention any of this. He just steadfastly denies responsibility for his personal accomplishments. The only thing he will admit to is his vow to never let the experiences of his life, good or bad, alter the person that he is.

"There's no reason for me to change," he says. "Nothing has changed. I am still Vince. Just because I play for the Montana Grizzlies. It's not a big deal. It's nice that I'm playing and I love to play the game but I don't make a big issue out of it."

He isn't trying to hide anything, to him it doesn't seem that important. So go ahead, prod and pry, bombard him with questions. Little by little he'll start to let you in. After all, the last thing he wants to do is disappoint you.





# Rebounding Hornets hope to surprise Griz

**Chad Dundas**  
GameDay Kaimin

The Sacramento State Hornets (3-2, 1-2) come to Missoula Saturday loaded with the single most talked-about weapon in the Big Sky Conference.

Sac State's big gun is senior running back Charles Roberts, who during his tenure in Division I-AA has racked up 5,829 yards and 51 touchdowns. Roberts has made a career of trampling defenses and collecting more yardage than John Deere. This season, if he is able to amass the kind of decadent numbers he's accustomed to, he'll become the NCAA's all-time leading rusher at any level.

Roberts is so instrumental to Sac State's attack that, in recent years, things have begun to look downright one-dimensional for the Hornets.

This year Sac State leads the conference in rushing offense and is third from the bottom in passing.

And while Roberts seems to grace as many headlines as football fields, his Hornet cohorts don't seem resentful.

"We're used to it," said Sac State head coach John Volek. "Charles is a team member and he's treated as a team member. A runner's got to have blockers and our guys take pride in what he does. Charles is the kind of athlete that shares his accomplishments with his teammates."

But this season things have been up and down for Roberts and his teammates. In the Hornets' two non-conference games, Roberts rushed for 459 yards, leading Sac State in drubbings of St. Marys and Cal Poly. Unfortunately for the Hornets, the beginning of conference play found them looking less than stellar.

First, Portland State overcame a formidable Sac State lead, scoring 22 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to claim victory. Then, against lowly Idaho State, a late-game fumble on the 1-yard line by Roberts sealed the Hornets' second-straight demise.

The sting of the losses was intensified by the fact that, in the process, a few key offensive Hornets sustained minor injuries: Roberts (hip), starting quarterback Ricky Ray (abdominal strain) and full-back Mike Wooster (wrist).

Despite the injuries, only Ray missed action and the following week, Sac State bounced back to crush Weber State 35-7. The victory, along with a little time to recuperate, have Volek's squad ready for action against the defending Big Sky champs.

"I think there was some relief after the two close losses, especially after the way we lost those games ...," Volek said. "This is the healthiest we've been. We're coming into Missoula in our best health of the season."

In fact, the Hornets feel so good about their chances, they've been talking about an upset in no uncertain terms.

"This game is bigger than (Sac State vs. rival UC Davis), and we think we can go up there and beat (Montana)," Volek told the Sacramento Bee. "Last year, we nearly came away with a huge win. This year, I think we can get it done."

Perhaps Volek's confidence is warranted. Last season, the Griz had to go to double-overtime to thwart the Hornets 41-38. In that game the Hornets eclipsed a 25-point third quarter deficit before finally succumbing.

Northern California determination and conviction aside, though, Montana's defensive prowess will undoubtedly be

the best Sac State has seen this season.

The Griz are currently first in conference in rushing defense, giving up an average of only 93.8 yards per game. Montana is also near the top of the conference in both scoring defense (third) and pass defense (second). Grizzly coordinator Mike Breske's aggressive new blitz scheme will hope to press Roberts and the Hornets.

Unlike years past however, the neutralization of Roberts doesn't necessarily leave the Hornets toothless. This season Sac State has a potent defense to compliment the conference's No.1 rushing offense.

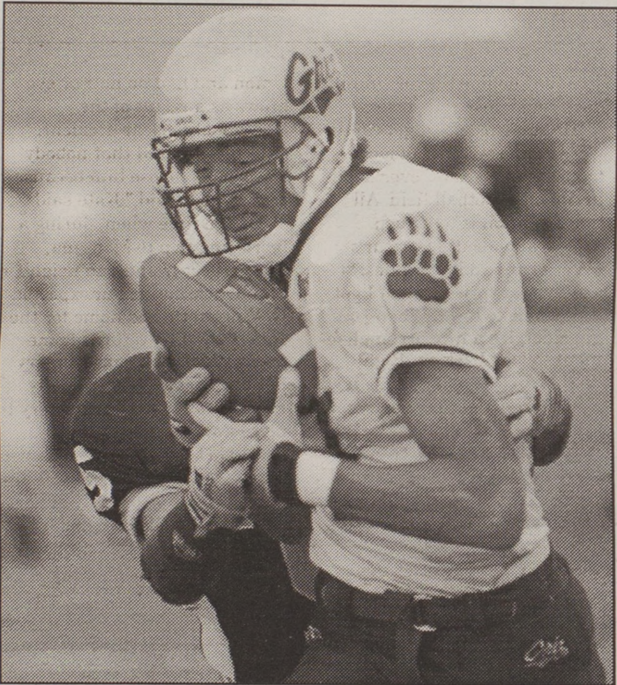
Senior linebacker and pre-

season All-American Anthony Daisley is leading the Big Sky efforts are now being supplemented by the addition of fellow backer Santi Hall, who transferred to Sac State from UCLA at the end of August.

Although Hall has only been with the team for a short time, he's already become an important part of the defensive scene, Volek said.

"He's picked up our defense real quick," Volek said. "He's a great athlete, just like some of those transfers (Montana's) got."

The Griz and Sac State kick off at Washington-Grizzly Stadium Saturday at 1:05 p.m.



Junior receiver Etu Molden hauls in a pass against University of Idaho. The Griz won the game 45 - 38.

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## Casey Temple GameDay Kaimin

Stop the presses. Idaho State is 3-1.

Idaho State, the perennial Big Sky doormat, has shocked the Western football world by already matching their conference win total from last year – two.

Neither victory was easy; the Bengals won both games in the closing moments.

Against Sacramento State, Hornets' running back Charles Roberts fumbled the ball on the 1-yard line, ending

a drive which would have given the Hornets the victory. Instead, the ball was recovered by Bengal defensive back Josh Robinson, securing the 41-39 win.

A missed extra point by Cal State Northridge kicker Derek Brown in overtime gave Idaho State its second consecutive conference win, 31-30.

Idaho State routed NAIA foe Montana Tech, 58-10, in their opening game. Their only loss was to Eastern Washington, 38-7.

With Southern Utah,

Montana State and Weber State visiting Pocatello, Idaho later this season, the Bengals might get their first winning season since 1995.

The surprisingly high-powered offense can be credited with their success. The Bengals are third in the Big Sky in total offense with 34.2 points per game.

Senior quarterback Shane Griggs is fourth in the Big Sky in total offense with seven touchdowns and 1,024 yards passing. Senior running back Nick Whitworth, the third all-time Idaho State rusher, is averaging 5 yards per carry, 85 yards per game and has three touchdown rushes. Whitworth's 134 yards rushing and 1-yard touchdown run against Sacramento State earned him the Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week.

The defense is definitely the Bengals' weakness. It has allowed 29.2 points per game and 217.5 yards a game on the ground. With Northern Arizona visiting Pocatello this weekend, the defense will have to find a way to stop the run since the Lumberjacks come in with the third best rushing offense in the Big Sky.

Senior linebackers Junior Ioane and freshman Cedric Dawson will be zeroing in on Northern Arizona junior running back Marcus King, who

is helping fans in Flagstaff forget about Ronney Jenkins, who left school early to join the NFL ranks. King has rushed for 558 yards and eight touchdowns, tying him for the most touchdowns in the Big Sky.

Ioane and Dawson have combined for more than 50 tackles already this year. Dawson also has two sacks.

Idaho State will visit Montana on Nov. 4, hoping to defeat the Griz in Missoula for the first time since 1994.

**The best game** in the Big Sky this weekend will be a non-conference match-up between No. 4 Portland State and No. 10 Hofstra, who defeated Montana 10-9 earlier this season.

The Vikings will use Hofstra as a measuring stick as to how good they really are. Portland State defeated Division I-A Hawaii 45-20 earlier this season and beat Northern Arizona for the first time in the school's history, with a 42-10 win. Portland State also beat Sacramento State, 35-23.

Last week, Portland State's senior running back Charles Dunn and senior defensive back Rashad Floyd were named Big Sky Offensive and Defensive Players of the Week.

Floyd, a cornerback, had two touchdowns against Northern Arizona, one, a 42-yard interception return and the other, a 87-yard touchdown off a fumble recovery. Portland State leads the

Big Sky in scoring offense with 39.8 points a game. What makes the Vikings such a force is they can beat their opponents in the air and on the ground.

Dunn leads the conference in rushing, averaging 181 yards a game, for a total of 725 yards and seven touchdowns. Junior wide receiver Terry Charles is first in the Big Sky in receiving with four touchdowns and 476 yards receiving.

Jimmy Blanchard, the Vikings senior quarterback, has thrown eight touchdown passes and has passed for over 1,000 yards already.

Montana will travel to Portland at the end of October.

**Going into Saturday's** game against Sacramento State, Montana is first in the conference in total offense, passing offense and rushing defense. The Griz also lead the league with 16 sacks for 112 yards lost.

Senior quarterback Drew Miller is first in passing and total offense with 12 touchdowns and 1,406 yards passing. He has thrown two interceptions.

**Eastern Washington** kick returner, senior Lamont Brightful, had two kickoff returns for touchdowns against Montana this past Saturday. They are the only kick returns for TDs in the Big Sky. They were for 99 and 100 yards.



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# Cross country teams push for berth in regionals, nationals

**Ian Costello**  
for GameDay Kaimin

A loss to rival Montana State.  
Cold weather.  
Sick runners.  
In three short sentences, those statements could very well describe the first half of the season for the University of Montana cross country team.  
But then, words like Sabrina Monro, a Bobcat upset and a strong showing in Washington would go unmentioned.  
"We wanted to peak for the conference and regional meets," head coach Tom Raunig said. "But we are progressing very fast on the men's side and the women have had two very strong meets in a row."  
Monro, a junior from Montana City, has continued

her winning ways during the last two meets. At the Montana Invitational two weeks ago, Monro completed the women's race just short of one minute ahead of her nearest competitor. And just one week later she emerged victorious over a talented field at the Big Cross Invitational in Washington, winning the race by 30 seconds.  
Sabrina's consistency is a big plus for us," Raunig said. "At the bigger meets it really helps to have her out in front."  
Led by Monro, Montana has already grabbed wins over both Montana State and Idaho State (at the Montana Invitational) and placed three runners in the top 15 in the Big Cross Invitational.  
The sweep over the field at the Montana Invitational brought with it an unexpected win over Montana State.  
On the men's side, the Griz

fell at home during the Montana Invitational to the Bobcats, ending a three-meet winning streak over MSU. The Grizzlies did top Idaho State at the Montana Invitational and finished second to then 19th ranked Washington at the Big Cross Invitational.  
At home, Grizzly harrier Brad Treat placed second over all. And Jesse Barnes finished fourth.  
Raunig said the strength of his men's squad is based on a pack mentality.  
"We have no big front runners," he said. "Our top four are very strong, and the fifth spot is handled by committee."  
Raunig went on to say that the goal of the men's team is to lower their pack split times as they move toward the conference meet.  
The Grizzly men were severely hampered at the Big Cross as several runners were

suffering from colds. Montana managed to hold onto second place, just three points ahead of Washington State despite five of their nine runners being ill.  
The women's team will receive a boost when senior Heather Anderson returns to the team after being treated for a nagging injury.  
"Heather has not run yet," Raunig said. "We are hoping to get her running at a high level as soon as possible, she could make the difference between

between going to nationals and not."  
The Grizzlies, with just over three weeks to go until the Big Sky Conference meet, are working toward a berth in the regional and national meets.  
Thirty-one teams from around the country compete in the National Championships.  
"We want to place high at the Big Sky meet and then go on to regionals," Raunig said.



## Volleyball team hopes momentum continues through road swing

**Courtney Lowery**  
GameDay Kaimin

There are two things that can make or break a volleyball squad: momentum and chemistry.  
UM head volleyball coach Nikki Best said slowly but surely, her team is peaking at both, and will hopefully show that this weekend.  
UM (3-1 11-6) will try to maintain their No. 1 Big Sky ranking as they host Portland State (0-6, 0-15) and Eastern Washington (3-3, 6-7).  
"We're going to have to just play with guts and not expect things to go with the flow of our game," Best said adding she and her team are focusing on using defense to keep tabs on the momentum of the match. "If we make it go to long rallies, that is when we win. If it becomes a rock throwing contest, it's going to be tough."  
In order to keep that momentum, Best said her squad is working on serving, defense and most importantly, chemistry and attitude on the court.



UM volleyball players Lizzie Wertz, right, and Natlie Jacksha run through practice drills Tuesday afternoon.

attitude that 'It's OK, We're on the road,' but that is not what kind of attitude we are going to have this year," said senior outside hitter Erin Adams.  
Adams and senior setter Tara Conner agreed, however, that the road trip philosophy is already changing.  
"We're just taking it game to game, keeping it high energy and making sure we have the confidence to win on the road," Conner said.

Adams leads UM, racking up 10 or more kills in nine matches and 10 or more digs as well. Connor is ranked second in the conference with 13.33 assists per game and senior Kodi Taylor continues to be a defensive force at the net with 74 blocks on the season.  
The Grizzlies play Eastern Washington at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Western Auxiliary Gym.



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## Offense

### Thatcher Szalay

Offensive Guard

6-5, 295 Junior from Whitefish, Mont.

The rumor around campus is this massive guard from up north used to play tennis. Yeah that's right. In fact, according to a 1998 UM media guide, Szalay earned two letters in football and four in tennis. UM tennis coach Chris Nord may be calling you up this spring, Thatcher. No, we're not making fun. Hell, at GDK we weren't athletic enough to play tennis in high school. Regardless, Szalay can boast he's one of the top linemen in the country. An All-American candidate, Szalay was one of two recipients of the Golden Helmet Award, which honors the hardest hitter on the team.

## Defense

### Adam Boomer

Linebacker

6-2, 225 Senior from American Falls, Idaho

Adam Boomer, one of the best defensive players in the Big Sky the past three seasons, had an interception last Saturday against Eastern Washington. Boomer, who admits he's slow, had one man to beat to get to the end zone. That man was the puny Eagles quarterback, but Boomer couldn't juke him and was tackled on the four. Despite his lack of offensive prowess, Boomer can play defense. He was third leading tackler in '99 and was named first team All Big Sky. Boomer also joined Szalay by being named a Golden Helmet winner.

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28	Derryl Williams	RB	6-1	210	JR
29	Chris Snyder	K/P	6-0	190	FR
33	Joel Rosenberg	CB	5-10	185	SO
34	Brad Weston	LB	6-1	220	FR
35	Ben Drinkwalter	RB	6-1	195	SR
37	Andy Petek	DE	6-3	235	SR
39	Mike Mahoney	CB	5-10	170	FR
40	Ike Mincy	TE	6-2	220	SO
41	Matt Steinau	LB	6-1	220	JR
42	Adam Boomer	LB	6-2	230	SR
43	Spencer Frederick	TE	6-3	240	JR
44	John Fitzgerald	TE	6-2	230	JR
45	Jacob Yoro	LB	6-0	225	JR
47	Vince Huntsberger	SS	5-11	190	JR
48	Dan Orizotti	LB	5-11	220	JR
49	Jeff Nikolaisen	LB/DE	6-4	220	SO
51	Joel Rosette	LB	6-1	210	FR
52	Chris Webb	OL	6-3	220	SO
53	Joel Robinson	LB	5-11	240	FR
54	Chris Connors	LB	6-2	215	FR
56	Dan DeCoite	LB	6-1	240	JR
59	Jeremiah Butenschoen	DT	6-0	265	SR
60	Casey Ryan	OG	6-4	255	JR
62	Derek Decker	OG	6-5	265	FR
63	Luke Rouns	NT	6-2	260	FR
64	Joseph Bonamarte	OT	6-5	250	FR
65	Matt Thuesen	C	6-4	298	SR
66	Brian Pelc	OT	6-4	285	SO
67	Kamakana Kaimuloa	OT	6-4	295	SR
70	Cory Short	OG	6-2	275	JR
72	Dylan McFarland	OC	6-6	265	FR
73	Thatcher Szalay	OG	6-5	295	JR
75	Eric Kruger	OT	6-6	265	SO
77	Jon Skinner	OT	6-6	310	FR
79	Leif Thorsen	OG	6-5	295	SR
81	Rory Zikmund	WR/KOR	5-10	185	SO
82	Mike Reidy	P	6-0	185	SR
83	Dane Oliver	WR	5-9	165	FR
85	Randyn Akiona	WR	6-0	180	SO
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92	Tyler Martin	NT	6-2	290	SR
93	Corey Mertes	DT	6-1	280	SR
94	Justin Klein	DE	6-4	240	JR
95	John Cahill	DT	6-2	250	FR
97	Herbert Fernandez	DE	6-4	225	SO
98	Jason Francis	NT	6-2	250	JR
99	Justin Brannon	DE	6-3	255	SR

# Grizzly Offense vs

Tanner Hancock 1 WR

Jimmy Farris 8 WR

Brian Pelc 66 T

Thatcher Szalay 73 G

Derryl Williams 28 RB

Drew Miller 7 QB

Matt Thuesen 65 C

Leif Thorsen 79 G

Kamakana Kaimuloa 67 T

Etu Molden 17 WR

T.J. Oelkers 18 WR



Hancock 1

Tanner Hancock joined the Griz in '99 after transferring from Division I-A Kansas. He is second in the Big Sky in receiving with three touchdowns and 476 receiving yards. Tanner's little brother, Tate, is a freshman running back for UM.

# Grizzly Defense vs

Damon Parker 27 CB

Trey Young 3 FS

Justin Klein 94 DE

Adam Boomer 42 LB

Tyler Martin 92 DT

Dan DeCoite 56 LB

Corey Mertes 93 DT

Matt Steinau 41 LB

Andy Petek 37 DE



Klein 94

A high ankle sprain has prevented Justin Klein from showing the promise of last year. Klein, a native of Overland Park, Kansas, was Montana's seventh leading returning tackler last year with 48. With his ankle now close to 100 percent, he should be a factor in UM's pass rush. And he also has a motorcycle.

Vince Huntsberger 47 SS

Calvin Coleman 13 CB



# Sac State Defense

**CB** Elton Gabourel 9



**Santi Hall 20**

Hall transferred early in the season from UCLA and immediately upon arrival told the Sacramento media he planned on becoming the best linebacker to ever play at the D-I-AA level. Since then, coaches have been whining about him being double teamed.

**DE** James Peterson 97

**LB** Santi Hall 20

**DT** Bilal Watkins 91

**FS** Tommy Williams 19

**LB** Lee Turner 24

**DT** Adam Roth 94

**SS** Vince Andrews 31

**DE** Drew Bogetti 51

**LB** Anthony Daisley 43

**CB** Brandon Coleman 26

# Sac State Offense

**WR** Gary Austin 21

**TE** Jon Morrissey 83

**T** Grant Hagen 74

**G** Steve Choi 76

**RB** Charles Roberts 32


**C** Terence Wagner 70 **QB** Ricky Ray 17

**G** Chris Frank 75

**FB** Mike Wooster 25

**T** Sean Doherty 65

**WR** Lamont Webb 3



**Ricky Ray 17**

The senior from Schasta, Calif. was named to the Big Sky All-Academic team. So I bet you think you're real smart, huh, Rick, huh? You may be brighter than us at GameDay, but you ain't nothin' compared to the brains on our Cover Boy.

**Sac State**  
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1999 Record • 6-5 Overall, 3-5 Big Sky



## Offense



**Charles Roberts**  
Running Back

5-6, 171, Senior from Montclair, Calif.  
Charles Roberts may look small, but he's tough. How tough? He played the 1999 season with a cracked rib and turf toe, whatever the hell that is. Despite his injuries, the pint-sized back still led Division I-AA with 2,082 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns. Roberts has been the premier running back in the Big Sky the past four seasons, is ranked 35th all time in rushing in all divisions. Regardless of his accomplishments, Roberts lost the game for the Hornets when he fumbled on the 1-yard line in the closing moments against Idaho State.

## Defense



**Anthony Daisley**  
Linebacker

6-2, 220, Senior from Rialto, Calif.  
Anthony Daisley is a pre-season Division I-AA All-American and was a first team All-Big Sky selection in 1999. The 1999 season was a big season for Daisley, who had 89 tackles and 12 quarterback sacks, which was a Sacramento State record. But then again, big deal, it's Sacramento State. What is a big deal, was that he was twice named national Defensive Player of the Week. Now that's something to write Rialto about. In '00, Daisley is leading the Big Sky in tackles and sacks with 43.5 tackles and 3.5 sacks.

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

1 Leukamian Davis	RB	5-10	160	JR
2 Camron Mbewa	DB	6-0	196	FR
3 Lamont Webb	WR	5-10	165	Sr
4 Mack Carminer	DB	6-2	190	SR
5 Jason Rowell	LB	5-9	210	SO
6 Mike Johns	WR	6-1	162	SO
7 Kenan Smith	WR	5-11	156	FR
8 Derard Barton	RB	6-0	193	SO
9 Elton Gabourel	DB	5-11	170	SR
10 Ed Canonico	DB	6-1	178	JR
11 Matt Williams	DB	5-11	163	SO
12 Scott Towne	WR	6-0	176	SR
13 Richard VanOver	LB	6-2	235	SR
14 Ryan Leadingham	QB	6-2	180	FR
15 Ferni Garza	QB	6-4	202	FR
16 Garrett White	QB	6-2	200	SO
17 Ricky Ray	QB	6-3	200	SR
18 Brandon Lofton	WR	6-0	182	JR
19 Tommy Williams	DB	5-10	201	SR
20 Santi Hall	LB	6-2	240	JR
21 Gary Austin, Jr.	WR	5-10	181	SO
22 Ramon Payne	DB	6-1	175	FR
23 Brad Candido	DB	5-9	160	SO
24 Lee Turner	LB	6-2	217	SR
25 Mike Wooster	FB	5-10	207	SR
26 Brandon Coleman	DB	5-8	158	SO
27 Micah Krainitz	LB	6-1	200	JR
28 Paul Mitchell	DB	5-8	190	SR
29 Robert Coleman	DB	5-10	157	SO
31 Vince Andrews	DB	5-11	200	JR
32 Charles Roberts	RB	5-6	171	SR
33 Brett Collins	RB	5-11	179	SO
34 Beau Huiskens	FB	5-11	209	JR
35 Brent Gutierrez	LB	6-0	210	SR
36 Chad Kendrick	TE	5-8	227	SR
37 Jimmy Sanchez	P	5-10.1	56	JR
38 Paul Kerr	K	6-0	180	FR
39 Jeremy Callaway	LB	6-1	193	FR
40 Andrew Bonner	RB	5-10	224	FR
42 Greg Bills	LB	5-11	226	FR
43 Anthony Daisley	LB	6-2	220	SR
44 Maui Borden	DL	6-2	255	JR
45 Jamal Bourne	LB	5-11	204	SO
46 Kelly Micco	LB/DL	6-3	240	FR
48 Cameron Clayton	DB	5-10	180	FR
50 David Hoskins	OL	6-2	260	SR
51 Drew Bogetti	DL	6-2	240	JR
52 Adam Galloway	LB	6-2	212	SR
53 Reza Williams	LB	6-3	210	FR
54 Charles Thorntona	LB	5-10	225	SO
55 Kevin Harrington	OL	6-0	275	SR
56 Matt Franz	DL	5-11	230	FR
57 Park McAllister	LB	6-4	222	SO
58 Brad Engledinger	DT	6-3	270	SR
60 Raul Sanchez	OL	6-4	288	FR
63 Josh Murdock	OL	6-2	300	SO
64 Sean DeCourcy	OL	6-4	250	FR
65 Sean Doherty	OL	6-6	275	SO
66 Joe Sarcinella	OL	6-3	280	JR
67 Brian Herman	OL	6-5	250	FR
68 Tim Sowards	OL	6-4	323	JR
69 Dan Phelps	OL	6-2	276	JR
70 Terence Wagner	OL	6-4	280	JR
73 Marko Cavka	OL	6-7	280	FR
74 Grant Hagen	OL	6-2	277	FR
75 Chris Frank	OL	6-4	270	FR
76 Steven Choi	OL	6-3	295	JR
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89 Russell Gardner	TE	6-3	231	SO
90 Allen McCoy	DL	6-5	250	SO
91 Bilal Watkins	DL	6-1	287	JR
92 Chris Garnto	DL	5-11	233	SO
93 Mason Mitchell	DL	6-2	270	FR
94 Adam Roth	DL	6-2	276	SO
96 Antoine Bogetti	WR	6-2	180	FR
95 Eric Broden	DL	6-5	250	FR
97 James Peterson	DL	6-3	235	SO



# Scouting Report: Northern Iowa

**Jason Mohr**  
GameDay Kaimin

The Griz have played them rarely, but their nine appearances in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs since 1985 prove

that Northern Iowa University could very well be a UM post-season foe.

Located in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the Panthers of Northern Iowa play in

arguably one of the toughest leagues in I-AA football, the Gateway Conference. Fellow Gateway Conference member Youngstown State ended the Grizzlies' 1999 campaign in the first round of the playoffs.

Northern Iowa last made the post season in 1996. In 1994, the Griz defeated the Panthers 23-20 in Missoula in the first round of the playoffs.

But to make it to the big show this year, the Panthers know they must win the rest of their games after suffering losses in their second and third contests to Boise State and Southern Illinois.

Assistant head coach Jeff Zenisek said that the Northern Iowa staff is a little frustrated with their 3-2 record this season.

"We lost the one we should have lost and won the ones we should have won, I guess," he said.

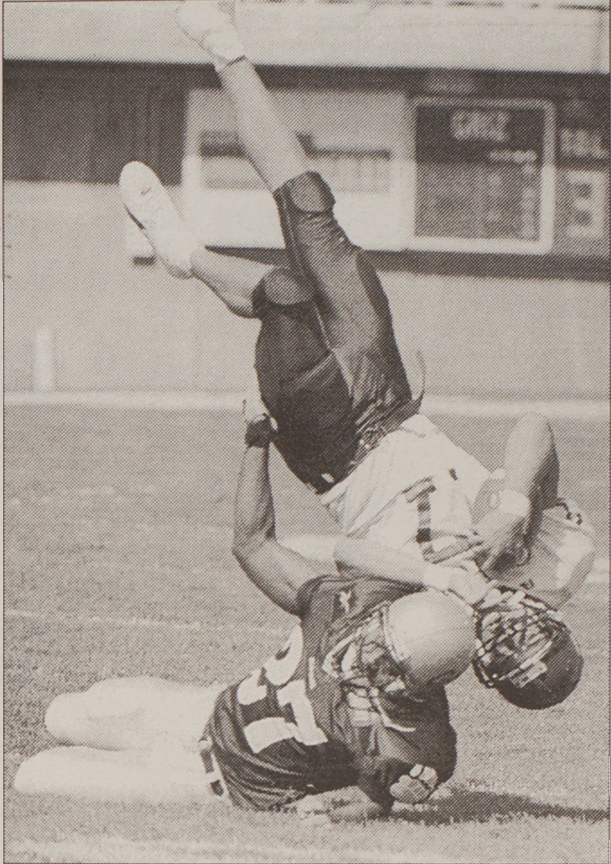
The Panthers have rebounded from their early losses, defeating on nationally ranked Stephen F. Austin and conference opponent Illinois State. By virtue of these wins, Northern Iowa finds itself ranked No. 22 in the Sports Network poll.

In addition to a national ranking, Northern Iowa has received a fair amount of attention as the program that produced 2000 Super Bowl MVP Kurt Warner.

Zenisek said that the Panthers of the early 1990s played a more traditional style offense and that Warner got a lot of his expertise playing arena football.

"You've got to get rid of the ball in three seconds (in arena ball)," Zenisek says.

Zenisek and his boss, head coach Mike Dunbar, reunited



John Locher/GDK  
UM defensive back Damon Parker upends Cal-Poly wide-out Adam Hertz during the Grizzlies' 53-3 victory over the Mustangs.

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in Northern Iowa in 1997. Zenisek had been head coach of Central Washington University since 1992, a position he assumed after Dunbar left for the University of Toledo to be the offensive coordinator.

The two have had winning seasons in Cedar Falls ever since, narrowly missing the post season field of 16 last year, when Northern Iowa ended the year ranked 17th.

The Panthers of 2000 like to spread things out and throw the ball; they are led by quarterback Ryan Helming. The team captain threw for 3,469 yards in 1999 and was ranked seventh-best in efficiency for Division I-AA.

Zenisek fears that Northern Iowa's lack of a running game will hurt the team down the road, though.

"The running game hasn't been good since we've been here," he said.

The road ahead will provide major tests in the form of No. 2-ranked Youngstown State and No. 11-ranked Western Illinois. Zenisek said that Youngstown State, like Montana, is a program to watch out for year after year.

And what will the end of this year hold for the Panthers?

"Sometimes our league will get two or three (teams) in," Zenisek said, referring to the I-AA playoffs. "But, it's better to be (No.) one or two."

**DIVISION I-AA TOP 25**

Team (First-place votes)

1. Georgia Southern (63)	4-1
2. Youngstown State (2)	4-0
3. Florida A&M (7)	5-0
4. Portland State (16)	4-0
5. Troy State (3)	3-1
6. Furman (1)	5-0
7. Delaware (4)	5-0
8. Appalachian State	3-1
9. Montana	3-1
10. Hofstra (1)	4-1
11. Western Illinois	4-1
12. Villanova	3-1
13. James Madison	3-1
14. Stephen F. Austin	3-1
15. Northwest State	3-1
16. Richmond	3-1
17. Lehigh	4-0
18. Eastern Kentucky	3-1
19. Massachusetts	2-2
20. Western Kentucky	4-0
21. North Carolina A&T	3-1
22. Northern Iowa Panthers	3-2
23. Eastern Washington	3-2
24. Northern Arizona	2-2
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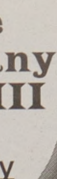
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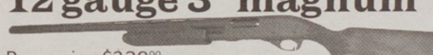


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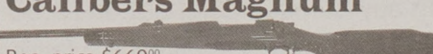
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# Shutouts and scoring represent soccer squad

**Jesse Zentz**  
GameDay Kaimin

Montana soccer is well on its way to another successful season after starting 7-3-1, with six shutouts posted against its opponents.

One year after playing its way into the NCAA tournament for the first time in team history, head coach Betsy Duerksen's squad hasn't let up.

A lot of players lead the team offensively, but Heather Olson stands out as the most successful scorer, with eight goals so far.

Montana's defense has also been stellar, despite starting two freshmen in the back.

Senior goalkeeper Natalie Hiller, currently hobbled by an ankle injury, has also been very consistent and has

five shutouts to her credit.

"I think so far the season has gone really well," Duerksen said. "I have a great team to work with. They're playing well, they're coachable and we've been winning, so there's not a lot to complain about. We have all the key ingredients to be a successful team."

The Grizzlies played only two conference games in the first five weeks of the season, and have five left. In their first two conference matches, Montana scored eight goals and allowed zero. Last week against conference foe Eastern Washington, freshman goalkeeper Katie Peek recorded a shutout and sophomore forward Amy Schlatter capped the game off with her first career goal.

All season long, Olson has been moving up the career scoring list.

Against conference foe Portland State, she tallied a hat trick. With eight goals

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and two assists, Olson leads the team with 18 points. She now ranks sixth on Montana's all-time scoring list and fourth in goals scored.

Freshman forward Amy Wronski is next with five goals and two assists.

But all the goals scored by Wronski and Olson wouldn't have been possible without assist leader, senior Jodi Campbell. Campbell has recorded five assists and

three goals and ranks fifth in career points with 59.

Much of Montana's success, however, can be credited to a very reliable defense. It has allowed only 13 goals and has enabled the offensive team to score 22, despite being outshot by the majority of their opponents. The defense is

also responsible for three consecutive shutouts against Northwestern University,

Oregon and Butler, a school record.

Montana has six games left on its regular season schedule, with five of those being conference matches. The last four regular season games will be played at home with the venue for conference matches determined by the regular season champion.



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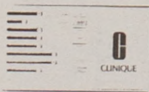
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# Rhythm of Homecoming turns 100

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The look of Homecoming belongs to the football players battling on the gridiron and to the wavy, decorative floats in the parade. The feel belongs to the Hellgate winds, which can blow pleasant or bitter on their journey toward winter. The taste belongs to the brews and bratwursts at the tailgate parties and the penny candies parade participants throw to kids along Higgins and University avenues.

But the sound of Homecoming, as it has for the past 100 years, belongs to the University of Montana marching band.

As the UM marching band celebrates its centennial, give or take a few years, UM alumni band director Fred Nelson said the band has come a long way since the turn of the century.

"The first marching group we know of was in 1900," Nelson, who taught band at Sentinel High School for 16 years, said. "Back then it was a strictly military unit."

Dean Vinal, who joined the UM band upon graduating from Missoula County High School in 1938, said the beginning of the week was the highlight for the band.

Dressed in military uniforms, the band would march around the Oval under the inspection of a major officer. This practice lasted through the early 1950s.

The music consisted solely of marches. The uniforms were maroon and silver with gold trim.

Vinal, a trombonist, remembers being wowed by the quality of the band's musicians.

"I thought I was a pretty good trombone player, but I went in there and wound up the last one in my section," Vinal said. "The guys loved to play, and they got along real good together."

Vinal said the lasting lesson he learned from the UM marching band was marching discipline. Vinal said when he was drafted in 1941, he immediately became the first trombonist in the U.S. Army band.

"In the army we did a lot of drilling, but it was old hat after being in the marching band at the University of Montana," Vinal said. "I was able to march without even thinking about it."

## Women join the ranks

In 1937 the band got radical: it admitted six women into the ranks.

Esther Williams was one of those historic half dozen. From her home in Missoula, Williams beams about how much fun it was to join the UM marching



The UM marching band as it appeared in 1937. Esther Williams is standing far left, right group.

band during her sophomore year.

"It was just great. It was just wonderful," Williams, a class of 1940 graduate, says.

Williams, a clarinet player, says the addition of the first skirted band members was strange at first, but throughout her musical tenure at UM, she developed some lifelong friendships.

"There were six girls and 42 boys," Williams said. "We were sort of oddities to begin with — there were only six of us — but many of the people in the band I'm still friendly with."

Williams, a native of Augusta, said she particularly enjoyed the statewide band tours she went on with the band. She remembers that the band's repertoire consisted of marches and a few classical pieces.

Williams is most fond of the socializing and boogalooing she did as a member of the UM marching band.

"It was great when we went someplace on those band trips where we had a dance," Williams said. "There were six girls and 42 guys. We didn't dance with all 42 guys, but we had fun."

Williams also recalls the band playing dances in the old Student Union building which used to be near today's ParTV Building.

"We danced an awful lot,"

Williams said. "There was a lot of dancing in the university band back then."

## Getting back on beat

Nelson said UM stopped the marching band in the early 40s because it lost most of its members to the war effort. UM still had a concert band of around 40 women, but as tire and gas rationing were in full force, the group didn't travel much. By the late 40s, the marching band was back in business. Nelson, a UM student from 1948 to 1952, said the highlight of the year was the Grizzly-Bobcat game which was then played in Butte.

"The students and band traveled each year in a four-car train to Butte,"

Nelson said. "There were three passenger cars and a baggage car. The band would ride in the baggage car and play dance music and folks would dance from Missoula to Butte."

The train rides to Butte continued until about 1960.

In the early 1950s, band director Justin Gray coaxed hunters into donating deer hides to the band. Gray sent the hides to the Flathead Indian Reservation where they were tanned and stitched

into Native American outfits complete with headdresses for the majorettes and "war bonnets" for two of the men. These buckskin-clad members would lead the band through the Homecoming parade and "terrorize some of the young parade watchers with acts of mock savagery. The crowd loved it!" according to a newsletter penned by Nelson.

UM marching band's morale reached a low in the late 1960s. Nelson wrote that, "Student game attendance was getting sparse and their behavior at the games was getting progressively more

disgusting." He said the band was affiliated with the military during the Vietnam War and consequently, participation was very low.

After the 1970 season, ASUM cut the marching band's funding. After re-instating it for the 1971 season, the student government again nixed the marching band's funding until 1980.

## The band plays on

Two decades ago, music department chair Tom Cook took over the marching band.

Cook said he spent a year rounding up essentials like uniforms, instruments and music. Within a few years, the marching band swelled to more than 80 students.

Cook said the band also changed its marching style and uniforms, and it added a flag team with big colorful banners.

"There is no group of student musicians that represent this department to a greater number of people than does the marching band," Cook said. "The marching band means a great deal to this department and to this university as well."

This year the band has around 80 members, Tom Dell'Omo, Big Sky Winds director said.

"We're going to have more intense shows musically and visually and really try to push the envelope this year," Dell'Omo said.



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Esther Williams was one of UM's first female pep band members.

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## Reluctant Hero

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"My big role models would be my parents," Huntsberger says. "Just how they are and how they raised me. I've never been really big into sports role models."

His parents gave him the ever-present work ethic.

"We always had to work to get what we wanted," Vince says. "It wasn't ever just given to us."

Whether it was mowing the lawn or stacking wood, Vince and his siblings did it. There was no sitting around and watching TV. And that work ethic has shifted to the classroom and the football field alike. Because, as Vince will eagerly explain, he isn't the smartest person in the classroom nor the biggest player on the field.

"I'm not going to say I'm dumb," he says. "I'm a smart

kid, but I still have to work really hard to get good grades. I'm not the kind of guy who reads the chapter once and rolls in and aces the test."

He isn't your classic strong safety, either. He is probably one of the slowest Grizzly defensive backs. He only weighs 195 pounds and stands just a shade over six feet.

"I had a kid tell me last year, 'I thought you'd be bigger,' he laughs. "They have this impression that you have to be 6-2, 230 pounds and just ripped. I guess I have to work with what I've got."

And what he has got is an intense competitiveness that far outweighs any physical force.

"He's competitive at everything," says Kate. "One time when he was little he wanted to skip going to a basketball game and stay home and play scrab-

ble because I beat him the night before."

Says Griz head coach Joe Glenn: "He has that look. He's on a mission. He's a competitor and I think whatever the task at hand, whether it's school or a game he's going to compete. He just has a burning desire to win at everything he does. He doesn't know half-speed. If a coach says that we're only going to go through this half-speed, he goes just a little bit harder to win. He's a fierce competitor."

An undersized safety, Vince uses every ounce of his being to hit with rabid ferocity, and can't stand to lose. To Griz fans, it all sounds eerily familiar.

Tim Hauck was twice named Big Sky Conference defensive MVP – a man who used to leave his feet completely to hit people. Hauck has played the last 11 years in the NFL and is currently with the Philadelphia Eagles. But he is just as inconspicuous as Vince. And when you see him, it is hard to believe that Hauck, on a six foot, 190 pound frame, can play at that level.

Griz assistant coach Tom Hauck, Tim's uncle, sees the similarities: the competitiveness, the anticipation, the work ethic and the reluctance to talk about themselves.

Tom was reminded of the similarities between Tim and Vince's style of play a few days ago. Hauck said he was watching film of last season's game against Sac State and one particular play, the ball reversed across the field and there was Vince racing across the field and outrunning teammates to get to the ball carrier.

"That reminded me a lot of

the way Tim played," Hauck said. "Wherever the play ended, he was there."

For Vince, Tim Hauck's NFL career remains a dream. He talks of graduate school or possibly coaching when he's done. But don't rule the NFL out completely. As Griz secondary coach Dave Doeren says, "Vince is a great college player. Could he go on to play in the NFL? I don't know. I wouldn't doubt it, because if there is anybody that could do it, it would be him."

Huntsberger is the cornerstone of Doeren's secondary and recipient of endless praise.

"He's a great person," Doeren says. "If you ever wanted to have a good friend you'd want it to be a guy like him. He's very genuine and means what he says. He's a straight shooter and he's loyal. That's what you want people around you to be like. Whatever Vince decides to do, he'll be good at it."

But that is the future. Vince is all about the here and now. There is still a little matter of another conference title, and making it past the first round of the I-AA playoffs.

But there has to be more to Vince Huntberger than this, doesn't there? Where is the drama? Where is the lurking tragedy? The inevitable redemption?

We need more, but Vince isn't telling.



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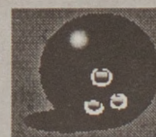
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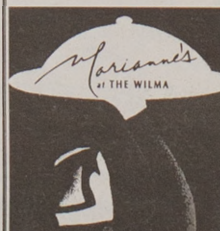
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